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Application of: RUDDY et al.

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Examiner: DECLoux, A.

For: POLYMORPHISMS IN THE  
REGION OF THE HUMAN  
HEMOCHROMATOSIS GENE

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-057-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 42),  
please consider the following election and remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group 1, Claims 49-68 and 100-119, drawn to a polynucleotide and kit thereof and array thereof, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5 to be examined on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

**CONCLUSION**

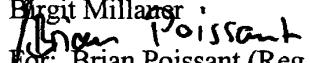
In view of the foregoing selection, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for

allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-057-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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